



REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS LOS ANGELES COUNTY FAIR MEET

AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE

To the California Horse Racing Board

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WEEK 2 - Thursday, September 14, 2017 through Sunday, September 17, 2017.

WEDNESDAY

09/13/17¹

ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Kim Sawyer was in the office covering entries and scratches.

THURSDAY

09/14/17¹

COMPLAINT WITHDRAWN (17DM0047)

The financial complaint filed against Owner STEVEN MCPHERSON was withdrawn for unpaid veterinary services in the amount of \$4,136.08 after Mr. McPherson paid it in full to Alamo Pinatado Equine Medical Center

09/14/17²

FILM REVIEW

Jockey JUAN OCHOA was in our office to review Sundays' first race for a possible riding crop rule violation. After hearing Mr. Ochoa's testimony stating he had allowed enough time for the horse to respond we reviewed the video and agreed he did allow enough time. Therefore, no penalty was issued.

09/14/17³

RACING OFFICIAL REPLACEMENT

Horse Identifier Ami Atkinson replaced Jennifer Paige this week while she was out of the office. Ms. Paige will be back next week.

09/14/17⁴

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the Inquiry sign after the running of the 3rd race to look at the top two finishers; the winner #6 ANAMONTANA (C. Aragon) shifted out just inside the 1/8th pole causing the 2nd place #2 TUSCANY BEAUTY (M. Gutierrez) to steady. After speaking to both riders and patrol judges and reviewing the film, we unanimously voted to make no change to the original order of the finish. In our opinion the #6 did shift out into the path of the #2, but we felt it did not cost the #2 the opportunity of a better placing.

09/14/17⁵**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race No Changes; Refunds \$0.00
 2nd Race #5 CANDEE TOPPER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
 Refunds \$525.00
 3rd Race No Changes; Refunds \$0.00
 4th Race No Changes; Refunds \$0.00
 5th Race #5 BLANKET OF ICE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured
 Refunds \$416.00
 6th Race #5 AWESOME LEAP- Dr. Grande, injured
 Refunds \$367.00
 #8 WHO'S HOT- Claimed by C. Treece, trainer
 7th Race No changes; Refunds \$0.00
 8th Race #5 JOHNNY RAY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound
 Refunds \$1,268.00

09/14/17⁶**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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|---------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 860 | \$267,258.20 |
| Off Track | 3,064 | \$929,348.70 |
| Out –of-State | N/A | \$2,315,100.97 |
| Total | 3,924 | \$3,511,707.87 |

FRIDAY09/15/17¹**FILM REVIEW**

We had Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON in to review yesterday's 3rd race in which he was involved in a stewards' inquiry. Mr. Aragon's horse had shifted out causing the second place horse to steady slightly. He stated he corrected his horse and quickly switched right handed and angled him back in. We agreed with him and didn't penalize him.

We also had him in to review yesterday's 6th race in which he violated the riding crop rule. Mr. Aragon did not disagree, he knew he should have allowed more time to respond and would accept the penalty.

LAFL Ruling #010

Jockey CHRISTIAN ARAGON is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in the last sixty days), during the SIXTH race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 14, 2017.

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO was issued the following ruling for violating the riding crop rule in the 5th race. Mr. Maldonado called us and stated he knew he violated the rule and would be accepting his penalty. Therefore, the following ruling was issued.

LAFL Ruling #011

Jockey EDWIN MALDONADO is fined ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00)* for violation of California Horse Racing Board rule #1688(b)(6) (Use of Riding Crop – more than three times in succession without giving the horse a chance to respond – first offense in the last sixty days), during the FIFTH race at Los Alamitos Race Track on September 14, 2017.

09/15/17²**BELVOIR CASE #17SA0130**

Trainer VANN BELVOIR was available by telephone for a formal hearing (case#17SA0130) alleging violation of CHRB rule #1843(a)(d), 1843.1(b), 1844(c)(1), 1887(a) and 1887(a). Mr. Belvoir had a runner in the third race who finished first (Blanket of Ice) on May 11, 2017 at Santa Anita Race Track where the official blood sample had come back with a Phenylbutazone overage (2.96ug/ml). Mr. Belvoir believes the overage could have happened when his assistant was off that day and his groom was responsible to administer the Phenylbutazone and could of haven given the medication a couple of hours later than usual. Belvoir was issued a formal warning since he has not had a medication violation in the last thirty six months.

09/15/17³**REINSTATED**

Exercise Rider JOSE RODRIGUEZ was reinstated after receiving confirmation from Omar Lizarraga from Winners' Foundation that Mr. Rodriguez has been attending Winners' Foundation meetings as required. Ruling DMTD #066 has been set aside and the following ruling was issued.

LAFL Ruling #012

Exercise Rider JOSE RODRIGUEZ, having complied with the provisions of California Horse Racing Board rule #1930 (Obedience to Security Officers and Public Safety Officers – attend Winners' Foundation Meeting) is restored to good standing. Ruling DMTD #066 issued at Del Mar Race Track on August 31, 2017 is set aside.

09/15/17⁴**DELAYED POST 1ST RACE**

We delayed the first race after receiving a call from Mutuel Manager Robert DiGiovanni that there were having simulcast issues. The first race was delayed for twenty minutes. A letter from Mr. DiGiovanni is attached.

09/15/17⁵**NO-SHOW WAGERING**

After receiving a late scratch for #2 BLESS THE CAUSE, who flipped in the post parade prior to the second race, and having #3 KLEPTOCRACY scratch earlier in the day the field size went from six to four horses and all show wagering was cancelled per CHRB rule #1954 (Pari-mutuel Pools).

09/15/17⁶**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 ARROWSPHERE- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, injured. Refunds \$484.00
 2nd Race #2 BLESS THE CAUSE- Late Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, flipped in post parade.
 #3 KLEPTOCRACY- Stewards' scratch, lost hind shoes, unable to replace them.
 (No-Show wagering). Refunds \$5,959.00
 3rd Race #1 HONOR MAKER- Claimed by Trainer D. Greenman, trainer. Refunds \$0.00
 4th Race Refunds \$0.00
 5th Race #5 ZAP AGAIN- Claimed by C. Treece, trainer
 (NO SHOW WAGERING). Refunds \$0.00
 6th Race Refunds \$0.00
 7th Race #4 WHAT A TEN- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick. Refunds \$0.00
 8th Race Refunds \$0.00

09/15/17⁷**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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|---------------|-------|----------------|
| On track | 935 | \$315,900.20 |
| Off Track | 3,735 | \$1,060,525.40 |
| Out –of-State | N/A | \$2,193,546.34 |
| Total | 4,670 | \$3,569,971.94 |

SATURDAY09/16/17¹**FILM REVIEW**

Apprentice jockey EVIN ROMAN was in to review yesterday's seventh race in which he had to steady going into the far turn (3/8's) when driving into a spot where he didn't belong. Mr. Roman stated he didn't know what he was thinking, and it wasn't very smart. We felt the incident wasn't penalty worthy, just a review. Mr. Roman was issued a warning.

09/16/17²**VOIDED CLAIM**

The claim was voided for the horse # 3 PAT THE BEAR in the sixth race after the official Veterinarian placed him on the Veterinarian list for being unsound. The horse will be returning to the barn of Javier Sierra.

09/16/17³**SMOOTH SAILING**

All nine races went without any issue to report other than scratches and rider changes shown in the declarations, changes and refunds.

09/16/17⁴**DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS**

1st Race #1 MALIBU D'ORO- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
#3 BERRACO- V. Bednar replaces M. Ramirez, no-show
Refunds \$878.00

2nd Race #1 MOSTLY CLOUDY- Claimed by L. Ruiz, trainer
#6 WHERESTHEMONEYJACK- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
Refunds \$749.00

3rd Race #1 ON A TOOT- Claimed by K. Nettles, trainer. Refunds \$0.00

4th Race #4 IT'S NOT SO EASY- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
Refunds \$516.00

5th Race #7 FANTASTIC GIRL- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, injured
Refunds \$1,018.00

6th Race #3 PAT THE BEAR- VOIDED claim, returns back to J. Sierra
#4 PRINCE CHARMANT- Claimed by G. Vallejo, trainer
Refunds \$0.00

7th Race #1 LAKE TIME- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Stead, sick
#5 AVICII- Claimed by W. E. Morey, trainer
#7 MISS REMEMBERING- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound
Refunds \$1,982.00

8th Race Refunds \$0.00

09/16/17⁵**DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE**

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| On track | 1,768 | \$624,473.30 |
| Off Track | 5,757 | \$1,846,203.60 |
| Out -of-State | N/A | \$3,641,723.68 |
| Total | 7,525 | \$6,112,400.58 |

SUNDAY09/17/17¹**ARROYO IN**

Jockey NORBERTO ARROYO JR. was in our office to explain why he left the jockeys room in a hurry and missed his last mount on September 2nd at Del Mar race track. Mr. Arroyo explained he had a family emergency and he had to go quickly. We asked Mr. Arroyo to provide some proof. Decision to follow.

09/17/17²**FILM REVIEW**

Jockey SAUL ARIAS was in our office to review yesterday's sixth race where his horse shifted in at the sixteenth pole causing another horse to alter course. Mr. Arias knew he could of have done a better job and explained his horse was tired and he should have maintained a straight course. We felt the incident was not worthy for a penalty, just wanted him to review it with us. Jockey STEWART ELLIOTT was in to review yesterday's eighth race in which his horse was shifting in and out throughout the stretch. He stated he had a difficult time getting his horse to switch leads and it caused his horse to shift off his path. Even though he didn't bother anyone we wanted him to be aware it could of have effected another horse.

09/17/17³**FORMAL HEARING (CASE #17SA0163)**

Trainer JEFF MULLINS was in the office to participate in a formal hearing in which his runner on May 27, 2017 in the seventh race who finished third at Santa Anita, had tested positive for two NSAID's Phenylbutazone (0.82 UG/ML) and Flunixin (6.2 NG/ML). Mr. Mullins stated he didn't

know how this could of have occurred, because he treated his horse the same as always. After hearing all the testimony and entering all the evidence into the record we closed the hearing and the following ruling was issued.

Ruling LAFL#013

Trainer JEFF MULLINS, who started the horse ANITA PARTNER, the third place finisher in the SEVENTH race at Santa Anita Park on May 27, 2017 is fined FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* pursuant to California Horse Racing Board rule #1887 (Trainer to Insure Condition of Horse), for violation of California Horse Racing Board rules #1843(a)(d) (Medication, Drugs and Other Substances), #1843.1(b) (Prohibited Drug Substances), and 1844(c) (Authorized Medication – more than one approved NSAID – Phenylbutazone and Flunixin)

09/17/17⁴

INQUIRY/NO CHANGE

We posted the inquiry sign after the running of the third race when the #3 DRESSED IN PRADA (L. Werner) stumbled and lost the rider. After reviewing the films and speaking to the Patrol Judges we made no change to the order of finish. The films show the horse stumbled on his own, therefore no changes were made. Accident report attached to the minutes.

09/17/17⁵

DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

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| 1 st Race | No Changes: Refunds \$0.00 |
| 2 nd Race | No Changes: Refunds \$0.00 |
| 3 rd Race | #4 ANGEL IN FLIGHT- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound Refunds \$1,500.00 |
| 4 th Race | #2 TISDALE- Claimed by R. B Hess Jr., trainer #4 GUNSLINGER- Veterinarian scratch- Dr. Grande, unsound #5 PRIVATE PROSPECT- B. Pena replaces L. Werner, injured Refunds \$800.00 |
| 5 th Race | #6 SAPODILLA- R. Fuentes replaces L. Werner, injured Refunds \$0.00 |
| 6 th Race | #2 THAMES VALLEY- B. Boulanger replaces O. Santos, sick Refunds \$0.00 |
| 7 th Race | #3 TRINTYS TURN- V. Bednar replaces L. Werner, injured Refunds \$0.00 |
| 8 th Race | #4 MR. OPPORTUNIST- Claimed by C. Dollase, trainer Refunds \$0.00 |

09/17/17⁶

DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

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| On track | 1,419 | \$414,997.40 |
| Off Track | 5,180 | \$1,638,332.10 |
| Out –of-State | N/A | \$3,126,157.43 |
| Total | 6,599 | \$5,179,486.93 |

ATTENDANCE REPORT – The full Board of Stewards was in session each day during this reporting period for both morning business and the afternoon racing program.

VETERINARIAN REPORT – WEEK OF 09/18/17 TO 09/24/17

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| Horses on Vet List | 17 |
| Horses off Vet List | 9 |
| Shock Wave Therapy | 38 |
| Fatalities | 0 |
| Medication | 0 |

SUMMARY

| | Thurs 9/14 | Fri 9/15 | Sat 9/16 | Sun 9/17 | Week | Meet |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|
| Accidents | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Cal-Bred Races | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 10 |
| Claims | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 9 | 15 |
| Disqualifications | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inquiries | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Refunds | 4 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 14 | 26 |
| Rulings | 0 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 13 |
| Voided Claims | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 |

Respectfully submitted,

Luis Jauregui , Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

Kim Sawyer, Steward

Paul Atkinson, Steward